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DEPARTMENT OF NOTRUST LANDS

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RE: Lessees in Grant and Sioux Counties in Deer Hunting Unit 3F2

This letter is to alert lessees of trust lands in Grant and Sioux Counties to a potential issue with dumping deer carcasses on trust lands. Chronic wasting disease has been found in Unit 3F2 and the ND Game and Fish Department wants to limit the potential for it to spread. The intent of the following proclamation by the ND Game and Fish Department is to ensure that carcasses are left on the land where the deer is shot and not moved to another location.

Carcass Transportation Requirement in Deer Unit 3F2

Monday, October 22, 2012

Hunters harvesting a big game animal this fall in North Dakota deer unit 3F2 cannot transport a carcass containing the head and spinal column outside of the unit unless it's taken directly to a meat processor.

The head can be removed from the carcass and transported outside of the unit if it is to be submitted to a State Game and Fish Department district office, CWD surveillance drop-off location or a licensed taxidermist.

If the deer is processed in the field to boned meat, and the hunter wants to leave the head in the field, the head must be legally tagged and the hunter must be able to return to or give the exact location of the head if requested for verification.

We have had some requests to dump deer carcasses on trust lands which, of course, have been refused. Trust lands are not to be used as dump grounds for deer carcasses or any other types of trash. If you find a deer carcass with a tagged head on the school trust land that you lease and are concerned it might have been dumped there after being harvested somewhere else, please report the incident to the game warden or county sheriff. The tag on the head can be traced to the person who dumped the carcass.

Unit 3F2 is all of Sioux County, that part of Grant County that is south of ND 21#, that part of Hettinger and Adams Counties south of 21# and East of ND 8#.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-2800.

Sincerely,

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